(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Introduction of Rameswaram-Bhubaneswar Express (weekly) has been announced in the Railway Budget 2007-2008, Rameswaram-Madurai Passenger in the Railway Budget 2006-2007 and Rameswaram-Haridwar Express in the concluding Speech of the Discussions on the Supplementary Demands for Grants (Railways) 2007-2008.

(c) Does not arise.

Ticketless travellers

2737. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of surprise checks conducted by the Railways against ticketless travel in the country this year till 1st September, 2007, by high power teams headed by Magistrates, zone-wise;

(b) the number of ticketless passengers apprehended during these raids, during the period, zone-wise; and

(c) the fare and penalty recovered as a result of these operations, and the number of such offenders imprisoned for non-payment of fare and fine, zone-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (c) The number of surprise checks conducted against ticketless travel by Magistrates, the. number of persons apprehended/prosecuted and the amount recovered by them zone-wise during the year 2007 (January to July, 2007 - latest available) is as under:

Railway Zones	Number of surprise checks conducted by Magistrates	Number of persons apprehended/ prosecuted	Amount of fare and fine recovered (in lakhs)	Number of persons imprisoned for nonpayment of fare and fine
1	2	3	4	5
Central	432	13594	24.91	2034
Eastern	2634	10394	16.04	1042
East Central	157	3720	7.06	822
East Coast	197	5013	4.88	72
Northern	581	8464	30.30	2490
North Central	951	12209	43.66	3747

1	2	3	4	5
North Eastern	1005	5637	13.50	2378
Northeast Frontier	120	589	0.88	151
North Western	595	602	0.63	163
Southern	444	25724	81.32	135
South Central	460	26233	26.78	118
South Eastern	145	4247	5.18	238
South East Central	1084	2814	2.87	50
South Western	30	70	0.45	12
Western	2089	12863	10.37	341
West Central	198	6355	33.01	3142
TOTAL:	11122	138528	301.84	16935

Security audit of stations

2738. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the security arrangements at railway stations are in a complete makeover as UT Delhi is set to carry out a comprehensive security audit of stations in and around Delhi and the project would prepare a set of recommendations for the Indian railways on the basis of the audit;

(b) whether it is mostly using the available resources like CRPF and constables in a more useful way and are working on solutions;

(c) if so, by what time final decision in this regard is likely to be taken; and

(d) to what extent it has been helpful to the railways?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R.VELU): (a) Indian Institute of Technology (UT), Delhi, has been asked to conduct Security Audit and suggest a Composite Security Plan for Delhi Main Railway Station as a Pilot Project.

(b) to (d) Decision will be taken after receiving the report/recommendation.

License to M/s Hindustan Coca-Cola Beverages Co. Ltd. to AVM dispensing kiosks

2739. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE:
SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that IRCTC has given license to M/s Hindustan Coca-Cola Beverages Co. Ltd., Gurgaon for AVM Dispensing kiosks;